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1. FOBS. TRUSOV ASKED ROWNY (A-984) WHETHER THE SOVIETS' NEW WORDING ON ORBITAL SYSTEMS WAS SATISFACTORY. ROWNY SAID HE WAS NOT SURE. ALTHOUGH IT INCLUDED THE WORDS "FRACTIONAL ORBITAL", IT ALSO FOLLOWED THEM BY "MISSILES", WHEREAS ROWNY WOULD HAVE EXPECTED THE WORD "SYSTEMS". TRUSOV SAID ROWNY SHOULD HAVE NO CONCERN OVER THIS. THEY SIMPLY WANTED TO INDICATE THAT ORBITAL SYSTEMS INCLUDE FOBS BUT FOBS IS NOT A TERM THEY USE. THEREFORE THEY SUBSTITUTED THEIR WORDS "FRACTIONAL ORBITAL MISSILES" FOR OUTS. HE SAID HE WANTED TO REASSURE ROWNY THEIR LANGUAGE WAS MEANT TO INCLUDE WHAT WE CALLED "FOBS".

2. MIRV DEFINITION. APPARENTLY ANXIOUS TO DISCUSS THE MIRV DEFINITION, TRUSOV READ FROM A PIECE OF PAPER CONTAINING ROWNY'S MIRV DEFINITION AND MANY NOTES. STARTING WITH THE WORDS "TWO OR MORE REENTRY VEHICLES" HE PROCEEDED TO COMPARE EACH PART OF ROWNY'S DEFINITION WITH THEIR 9 JULY DEFINITION. AT EACH STEP TRUSOV POINT OUT THAT THEIR DEFINITION INCLUDED EVERYTHING OF
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OURS, BUT DID IT MORE CLEARLY AND MORE COMPREHENSIVELY.

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HE SAID THAT THEY ADDRESSED MISSILES IN GENERAL AND WE SPOKE TO A SINGLE BALLISTIC MISSILE; THIS WAS SIMPLY AN EDITING PROBLEM AND THEY COULD ACCOMMODATE TO US. WHEN TRUSOV GOT TO "DEVICES INSTALLED ON THE FRONT END" HE SAID THAT WE HAD BEEN USING THE WORDS "IN A SELF-CONTAINED DISPENSING MECHANISM", WHEREAS THEIR WORDING WAS "SELF-CONTAINED TARGETING MECHANISM". ROWNY SAID THAT WE HAD SIMPLY BEEN USING THE WORDS GIVEN US BY THEM. TRUSOV SAID HE WOULD CHECK THIS OUT, THAT THEIR TERM FOR "BUS" WAS "SELF-CONTAINED DISPENSING/TARGETING MECHANISM". HE SAID OUR DEFINITION HIGHLIGHTED SEPARATE AIM POINTS WHOSE LOCATIONS HAD NO PARTICULAR RELATIONSHIP ONE TO THE OTHER, WHEREAS THEIRS HIGHLIGHTED THAT THE REENTRY VEHICLES HAD NO RELATIONSHIP TO EACH OTHER.

3. ROWNY TOLD TRUSOV THAT HE TRIED TO CONSTRUCT A SIMPLER AND CLEARER DEFINITION BY MOVING FROM "THE HOW" AND HAD CONCENTRATED ON "THE WHAT". TRUSOV SAID "THE HOW" HAD BEEN IN RESPONSE TO OUR NEED FOR ASSURANCES THAT MRV'S WERE EXCLUDED. ROWNY SAID HE RECOGNIZED THIS. HOWEVER, NOW THAT THE RECORD MADE IT CLEAR THAT MRV'S WERE TO BE EXCLUDED, PERHAPS WE COULD DISPENSE WITH "THE HOW" AND CONCENTRATE ON "THE WHAT". TRUSOV STRESSED, AS HE HAD IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS, THAT THE SOVIETS HAD NEVER DISCUSSED MIRV'S IN TERMS OF SYSTEMS AND THAT THIS GAVE THEM DIFFICULTIES SINCE NO SIMILAR TERM EXISTS IN THEIR LANGUAGE. BELETSKY INTERVENED TO SAY HE HAD BEEN LISTENING AS "AN OBJECTIVE AND IMPARTIAL OBSERVER" AND THAT IT WAS OBVIOUS THEIR DEFINITION INCLUDED EVERYTHING OURS DID AND DID IT MORE CLEARLY. ROWNY SAID BELETSKY WAS ENTITLED TO HIS OPINION BUT THAT THE USE OF THE WORD "OTHER" IN "ELECTRONIC OR OTHER COMPUTERS", AND "AERODYNAMIC SYSTEMS OR...OTHER DEVICES" DID IN FACT RAISE QUESTIONS. ROWNY AND TRUSOV AGREED THEY WOULD GIVE FURTHER THOUGHT TO THE MIRV DEFINITION AND RETURN TO IT LATER.JOHNSON

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